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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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SUBJ: CODEL PERCY

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1. AS REFLECTED IN MAPUTO 406 THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM JOHANNESBURG TO MAPUTO ON MONDAY. FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT IS TUESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 0745. IF AMBASSADOR DE PREE IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR DIRECT DATT FLIGHT FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO DURING COURSE OF THE DAY SUGGEST CODEL RETURN JOHANNESBURG TONIGHT OR TOMORROW MORNING.

2. ONCE HERE WE CAN REVIEW ALTERNATIVES AND CODEL CAN DECIDE HOW HE WISHES TO PROCEED. ONE ALTERNATIVE IF AMBASSADOR DEP REE CAN RESCHEDULE CODEL'S PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY WOULD BE TO OVERNIGHT JOHANNESBURG APRIL 19 AND PROCEED MAPUTO EARLY MORNING APRIL 20 ON SA 140 LEAVING JOHANNESBURG 0745 ARRIVING MAPUTO 0835. WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR CODEL ON THIS FLIGHT.

3. IF THIS ALTERNATIVE CHOSEN, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO READJUST CODEL'S PROGRAM IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE HAVE THESE OPTIONS:

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KA) IF CODEL WERE WILLING TO RETURN JOHANNESBURG ON TUESDAY

AFTERNOON APRIL 20 (VIA TM 305 LEAVING MAPUTO 1640 ARRIVING JOHANNESBURG 1730 FOR WHICH WE HAVE MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS), HE COULD PROCEED WINDHOEK MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 FOR ABBREVIATED BUT STILL MEANINGFUL PROGRAM IN NAMIBIA.

(B) IF CODEL PREFERS OVERNIGHT IN MAPUTO ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, HE COULD NOT RETURN JOHANNESBURG UNTIL AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 VIA SA 145 LEAVING MAPUTO AT 1610 ARRIVING JOHANNESBURG 1700. THIS WOULD INVOLVE CANCELLING PRETORIA AND NAMIBIA PORTIONS OF PROGRAM AND PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO CAPE TOWN MORNING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 22 TO PICK UP PROGRAM CONTAINED CAPE TOWN 417. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT CANCELLATION OF THIS MUCH OF SOUTH AFRICAN PROGRAM COULD PUT SAG'S NOSE SUFFICIENTLY OUT OF KILTER TO PREJUDICE CODEL'S BEING RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. (WE STILL HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT FROM PM'S OFFICE. VORSTER HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN SINCE HIS RETURN FROM ISRAEL EARLY LAST WEEK).

4. WE NOTE THAT EVEN WITH NIACT IMMEDIATE DESIGNATOR TELEGRAMS ARE TAKING 5 TO 6 HOURS TO MOVE BETWEEN LUSAKA AND CAPE TOWN. SUGGEST YOU USE TELEPHONE TO CONVEY MESSAGES ON CODEL'S TRAVEL PLANS AS WE WISH TO MEET AND ARRANGE PROGRAM IF HE WILL BE SPENDING SOME TIME IN JOHANNESBURG ON MONDAY.
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